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Order of Battle Information

1. [redacted] 25X1
 - a. [redacted] the Tancsics Technical Officers' School. [redacted]
[redacted] the school was strictly an engineering school. It consisted of three companies: the first year company had approximately 110 students and the second and third companies had approximately 60 students each. Each company was composed of a Chemical, Engineer Construction, and a Bridge Construction platoon. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] In October the school had approximately 80 to 90 permanent officer cadre. There were enlisted personnel who did the housekeeping [redacted] 25X1
 - b. The school was subordinate to the Engineer Section of the Ministry of Defense.
 - c. This school was located between Budapest and Szentendre on the east side of the road, going north from Budapest to Szentendre.
 - d. [redacted] all training by the school was conducted on Szentendre Island located in the Danube river. [redacted] there was also an unidentified Soviet Caserne located there. [redacted] the Soviet Caserne housed bridge specialists [redacted] 25X1
 - e. [redacted] All mail was addressed as follows: name of individual, Budapest, and name of the school. 25X1
 - f. The commanding officer was Colonel Susa. [redacted] Susa had received Soviet training. Although his branch was the Signal Branch, he was also an expert engineering officer. 25X1
 - g. [redacted] the school had the following equipment: 25X1

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- (1) Four ZIS, three-ton, three-axle, ten-wheeled trucks.
- (2) Fourteen Csepel 300, three-ton, two-axle, four-wheeled trucks.
- (3) One Soviet-type, unidentified, amphibious, three-axle, ten-wheeled truck (approximately 12m by 2½m).
- (4) Five "Mocso" utility tub boats (6m by 2m, 6-cylinder diesel).
- (5) Twenty-five assault boats (4m by 1m, propelled by a "Csonka" four cylinder, forty HP outboard motor).
- (6) Two Monitor patrol boats (15m by 3m, seven man crew, two officers).
- (7) Three diesel 413 prime movers, tracked, four cylinder with a one cylinder starter engine.
- (8) Four S-80 Soviet tractors, 80 HP, 6 cylinder, prime movers.
- (9) Three S-80 Soviet tractors, 80 HP, 6 cylinder, bulldozers.

2. [] witnessed a demonstration of a new, unidentified Soviet infra-red searchlight with a one-kilometer range for use by reconnaissance units. [] the Hungarian army would soon receive "Soviet sniperscopes" [] a mortar demonstrated. It was approximately 140mm, breech-loading, [] the Hungarian army would not get many of these because they were too expensive. 25X1 25X1
3. [] received basic instruction in CBR. [] each soldier was issued a gas mask and a kit to be used in the event of atomic attack. The kit contained a cape, boots, and unidentified medicaments to be applied to exposed parts of the body. He knew of no general decontamination materials, but as an engineer was told that in order to clear a road through a contaminated area, it would be necessary to bulldoze the road and take off about 30 cm. of topsoil. He also stated that Gieger counters and three basic unidentified Soviet types of other radiation detecting devices were available. 25X1 25X1

Information Concerning the Insurrection

4. On 23 October 1956, [] a group of students who went to the State Theater and took down the Red Star and cut out the Soviet emblem from the Hungarian flag. The group then went to the Central Budapest Radio Station and demanded that the people be informed of the start of the revolution. The group was forbidden to do this and when it did not leave, the AVH personnel fired on the group and threw tear gas bombs. [] The group, two thousand or three thousand in number, remained in the area and at 0200 on 24 October 1956, unidentified Hungarian Army troops came to disperse them. The troops, rather than disperse the group, gave the insurgents their weapons. Ammunition was scarce, however. An hour later, fifteen T-34 tanks pulled up into the mob; the crews climbed out and gave their tanks and weapons to the mob. At this time the Hungarian troops did not participate in the fighting, they only watched. The group then moved to the Corving Building where the AVH was concentrated. Here a severe battle followed. [] there were approximately 500 insurgent casualties in the 25X1 25X1 25X1

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battle. After the second day [] Hungarian soldiers took part in the fighting along with the insurgents. The only group which sided with the Soviets [] was [] about 80 unidentified Army officers who went over to the Soviets en masse when the Soviets entered the city on 4 November 1956.

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5. On 8 November 1956 a group of 400 insurgents [] attacked the city hall; however, it was well fortified and the group received approximately 200 casualties. From 8 November until 17 November, [] fought in various parts of the city against groups of AVH and Soviet personnel. On 17 November 1956 [] fled with a group of 150 across the Austro-Hungarian border in the vicinity of Sopron. The border crossing was entirely unobstructed.

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6. At the time of [] departure, food was still quite plentiful. []

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